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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation-in-part application of Appl. No. 10/419,861 filed on April 22, 2003. The present application is filed on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): MAEDA, Hiroshi; NISHIDA, Kazuhiro; NEGISHI, Yoshihisa; HOSAKA, Shunichi

For: SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAID SOLID-STATE IMAGING DEVICE

Enclosed are:

- ☒ A specification consisting of one hundred eighty-eight (188) pages
- ☒ Seventy-five (75) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- ☐ Information Sheet

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)
- ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 2002-119262, 2002-154528, 2002-183072, 2002-219645, and 2002-219791 filed in JAPAN on April 22, 2002, May 28, 2002, June 24, 2002, July 29, 2002, and July 29, 2002, respectively is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on June 30, 2003.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27
- ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first sentence

--This application is a continuation-in-part of copending Application No. 10/419,861 filed on April 22, 2003, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.--

- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first sentence

--This application is a continuation-in-part of PCT International Application No. PCT/ which has an international filing date of which designated the United States, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120.--

- ☐ An extension of time for () month(s) until , has been submitted in parent Application No. in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
- ☐ Other: _____

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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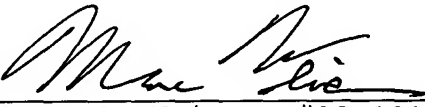
- ☒ The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed Declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$2,362.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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